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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-28 without prejudice and add Claims 29-38 as follows:

1-28 (Canceled)

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- 29. (New) A method of identifying a compound that modulates binding of SAA (serum amyloid A) to a FPRL1 (formyl peptide receptor-like 1) receptor comprising:
 - (a) providing a test compound that is a peptide, peptidomimetic, or chemical;
 - (b) contacting a cell that expresses a FPRL1 receptor with the test compound in the presence of SAA; and
 - (c) measuring binding of SAA to said FRPL1 receptor, so that a compound that modulates binding of SAA to said FRPL1 receptor is identified.
 - 30. (New) The method of Claim 29 wherein said test compound is a peptide.
 - 31. (New) The method of Claim 29 wherein said test compound is a peptidomimetic.
 - 32. (New) The method of Claim 29 wherein said test compound is a chemical.
- 33. (New) The method of Claim 30 wherein said peptide is a carboxy truncation, amino truncation, or internal truncation of SAA having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2-301.
 - 34. (New) The method of Claim 30 wherein said peptide is SAA.
- 35. (New) The method of Claim 30 wherein said cell is a genetically engineered host cell that contains a sequence encoding a FRPL1 receptor so that a FPRL1 receptor is stably expressed by the host cell.
 - 36. (New) The method of Claim 30 wherein the SAA is labeled.
- 37. (New) The method of Claim 30 wherein a compound that inhibits binding of SAA to said FRPL1 receptor is identified.
- 38. (New) The method of Claim 30 further comprising incorporating the compound that is identified into a composition.